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1. Organization

The Slovak Commissariat for Transportation is composed of the following four administrative sectors:

- a. Railrand Administration (zeleznicna sprava), consisting of nine departments (I-IX).
- b. Air Transport Administration (letecka sprava), consisting of one department
- e. Motor Transportation Administration (cestna sprava), consisting of one department (C).
- d. Navigation Administration (playebna spraya), consisting of one department

(In the lithographed directory of the Commissariat for Transportation only the Railroad and Motor Transportation Departments are listed /a and c above/, while the Air Transport and Navigation Departments /b and d above/ are omitted.)

Slevakia, i.e. Department L, was published. In the circular of the Commissariat for Transportation, Pres. No. 2299/48, dated 3 April 1948. The Department is organized as follows:

- 1) Section L/1: General administrative and personnel matters; planning and budgeting; legal matters.
- 2) Section L/2: Technical services; airplanes, apparatus and equipment, instruments, motors and other materiel procurement; training of pilots and

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- Section L/3: Administration and operation of airfields; safety measures; general installation of airfields; organization, direction, and technical equipment of safety services; meteorological services; air accidents.
- 4) Section L/4: Construction work; building of airfields, runways, and communications; installation of hydrants; maintenance services; purchase and condemnation of buildings and other hindrances to flying; subsidies to builders of private airfields; air maps and surveying service; photography.
- b. Until 1 March 1948 Ing. Jarunek was Chief of Department L. The management of State civil airfields is in the hands of the Directorates of State Civil Airfields.
- 3. <u>Military Sections at the Commissariat for Transportation and at the Directorates of State Railroads</u>
 - a. Military matters of the Commissariat for Transportation fall under the jurisection of the following bureaus:
 - 1) Presidium Section 4, Military Affairs, of the Commissariat for Transportation.
 - 2) Bureaus for Military Affairs (referaty vojenskych veci) of the Directorate (s) of State Railroads (formerly designated as II/7, i.e. the Seventh Section of the Second Department at every Directorate.
 - b. These bureaus and sections are staffed by civilian railroad officials and not by military personnel. These bureaus are not to be confused with the so-called Military Transport Headquarters (VDV vojenske dopravne velitelstva) and the Railroad Transport Headquarters (ZTV zeleznicne tratove velitelstva), staffed exclusively by military personnel and falling under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense.
 - c. The competence of the Military Sections of the Commissariat for Transportation extends to all matters pertaining to the military use of transportation facilities in the interest of national defense. They see to it that the railroads, aviation and navigation establishments, and the motor transport administration pay due regulated to the mestion of national defense in matters of equipment and personnel. These sections further act as liaison bodies between the Commissariat for Transportation and the Ministry of National Defense in matters pertaining to the construction of new lines of communication important from the standpoint of national defense. They also plant all preparations for the mobilization of transportation facilities for the event of an armed conflict, publish regulations and orders to that effect, and, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation, see to it that they are carried out. They firther plan the anti-aircraft defense of the transportation network and keep a registry of all personnel from the standpoint of their military utility. (The competence of the military sections in question does not extend to air transportation and navigation but only to railroad and motor transportation facilities.)
 - d. The Military Bureaus of the Directorates of State Railroads are subdivisions of the Second Departments (Transportation) of the Directorates. Their chiefs have recently attained the status of section chiefs (sekcni sef).

e. <u>Personnel</u>

1) Chief of Presidium Section 4: Inspector Jan Spevak, second civil service class (secondary school graduate), fourth salary group.

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- 2) Chief of the Bureau for Military Affairs (RVV referat vojenskych veci) at the Bratislava State Railroad Directorate; Stefan Potucek; Deputy: Koloman Kravarik; both second civil service class and sixth salary group, although the position calls for a fourth salary group.
- Chief of the Bureau for Military Affairs at the Kosice State Railraod Directorate: Josef Vyletal, Chief Inspector; Deputy: Andrej Misko, Inspector.
- 4. Transfers of Civil Engineers from the Czechoslovak State Railrads Administration (CSD) to the Air Transport Department (L) of the Commissariat for Transportation
 - a. The Czechoslovak Railrads Administration has considerable shortage of civil engineers. The present need is covered by only about 40 percent. Civil engineers are building new railroad lines or repairing the existing ones; they are chiefs (in some cases staff members) of the so-called Railroad Construction Bureaus (formerly called Bureaus for Maintenance of Tracks).
 - b. In spite of this shortage, several engineers have been transferred to **Departm**Dept ment L. In Source's opinion, this can be explained only by the assumption that the work of Department L is considered more important than that of the CSD. These transfers are directly connected with the new organization of the Air Transport Administration in Slovakia. The following civil engineers have been transferred:
 - Ing. Tibor Kubinec, surveyor.
 - 2) Ing. Jozef Jezovit, technical commissar, from Vrutyky.
 - 3) Ing. Zdenek Straka, technical commissar, from CSD, construction section, Zvolen.
 - 4) Ing. Julius Petricek, technician, from CSD, construction section, Nove Mesto
- 5. <u>List of Employees of the Commissariat for Transportation Dismissed or Demoted after February by the Central Action Committee</u>
 - a. JUDr. Juraj Piljan, Counselor (Presidium decree No. 282/48).
 - b. Viktor Mikus, Secretary, Navigation Department (Presidium decree 314/48; this decree, however, was annulled by the Review Commission of the Slovak Trade Union Council SOR -Slovenska odborova rada which was published in the official circular No. 10/48).
 - c. JUDr. Stefan Kukucka, Counselor; transferred from the position of Chief of Department IX (legal and administrative) to the post of Chief of Section C/c (Department of Highways, legal section), which was formerly held by JUDr. J. Piljan. (Source adds that Kukucka is a man of defective character.)
 - d. Ing. Karol Tomaskovic, technician; dismissed from the post of Chief of Section 3, Department P (Navigation) (official circular No. 4/48).
 - e. Ladislav Kysel, Chief Inspector; transferred from Department C of the Commissariat for Transportation to the Directorate of State Railroads in Bratislava.
 - f. Jan Najsel, Inspector; same as Kysel (in 5e above).

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- Viktor Smeringa, Inspector; transferred from Department C of the Commissariat for Transportation to the Directorate of State Railread at Kosice;
- Jan Halustok, Chief Assistant; same as Smeringa (under 5g above).
- Imrich Sklars (?); transferred from the accounting office of the Commissariat for Transportation to the Directorate of State Railroads in Bratislava (official circular No. 4/48, dated 20 March 1948). 25X1X6

Comment: All those listed above with the exception of Smeringa were members of the Slovak Democratic Party.)

- Stefan Rabcan, Assistant; transferred from the Branch Office of (River) Navigation in Komarno to the Central Office in Bratislava (circular No. 6/48, dated 4 May 1948).
- Other changes took place only in consequence of the reorganization of the Commissariat for Transportation.
- 1. It should be added that Jan Cicer (former Resistance member who participated in the Slovak uprising and was dismissed thereafter from his position in the Slovak State Administration) who held the post of Chief of the Second Department (Transportation) and signed an application for membership in the Communist Party on 1 March 1948, has been replaced by Rudolf Ferencei, member of the Communist Party (not a Resistance member). This change, however, was not effected by the Central Action Committee but "officially".